

Appendix B: Participant Access and Eligibility**B-1: Specification of the Waiver Target Group(s)**

- a. **Target Group(s).** Under the waiver of Section 1902(a)(10)(B) of the Act, the State limits waiver services to a group or subgroups of individuals. Please see the instruction manual for specifics regarding age limits. *In accordance with 42 CFR §441.301(b)(6), select one waiver target group, check each of the subgroups in the selected target group that may receive services under the waiver, and specify the minimum and maximum (if any) age of individuals served in each subgroup:*

Target Group	Included	Target SubGroup	Minimum Age	Maximum Age	
				Maximum Age Limit	No Maximum Age Limit
<input type="radio"/> Aged or Disabled, or Both - General					
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Aged			<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Disabled (Physical)			
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Disabled (Other)			
<input type="radio"/> Aged or Disabled, or Both - Specific Recognized Subgroups					
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Brain Injury			<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	HIV/AIDS			<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Medically Fragile			<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Technology Dependent			<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Mental Retardation or Developmental Disability, or Both					
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Autism			<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Developmental Disability	0		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mental Retardation	0		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input type="radio"/> Mental Illness					
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mental Illness			
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Serious Emotional Disturbance			

- b. **Additional Criteria.** The State further specifies its target group(s) as follows:

Persons served in this waiver meeting the above criteria minimally must:

Be diagnosed with a developmental disability (IQ generally below 70 and significant adaptive behavior deficits based on the results of standardized adaptive behavior assessments, with subtest scores generally below 70).

- c. **Transition of Individuals Affected by Maximum Age Limitation.** When there is a maximum age limit that applies to individuals who may be served in the waiver, describe the transition planning procedures that are undertaken on behalf of participants affected by the age limit (*select one*):

- ☒ **Not applicable. There is no maximum age limit**
- ☐ **The following transition planning procedures are employed for participants who will reach the waiver's maximum age limit.**

Specify:

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B-2: Individual Cost Limit (1 of 2)

- a. **Individual Cost Limit.** The following individual cost limit applies when determining whether to deny home and community-based services or entrance to the waiver to an otherwise eligible individual (*select one*) Please note that a State may have only ONE individual cost limit for the purposes of determining eligibility for the waiver:

- ☒ **No Cost Limit.** The State does not apply an individual cost limit. *Do not complete Item B-2-b or item B-2-c.*
- ☐ **Cost Limit in Excess of Institutional Costs.** The State refuses entrance to the waiver to any otherwise eligible individual when the State reasonably expects that the cost of the home and community-based services furnished to that individual would exceed the cost of a level of care specified for the waiver up to an amount specified by the State. *Complete Items B-2-b and B-2-c.*

The limit specified by the State is (*select one*)

- ☐ **A level higher than 100% of the institutional average.**

Specify the percentage: _____

- ☐ **Other**

Specify: _____

- ☐ **Institutional Cost Limit.** Pursuant to 42 CFR 441.301(a)(3), the State refuses entrance to the waiver to any otherwise eligible individual when the State reasonably expects that the cost of the home and community-based services furnished to that individual would exceed 100% of the cost of the level of care specified for the waiver. *Complete Items B-2-b and B-2-c.*

- ☐ **Cost Limit Lower Than Institutional Costs.** The State refuses entrance to the waiver to any otherwise qualified individual when the State reasonably expects that the cost of home and community-based services furnished to that individual would exceed the following amount specified by the State that is less than the cost of a level of care specified for the waiver.

Specify the basis of the limit, including evidence that the limit is sufficient to assure the health and welfare of waiver participants. Complete Items B-2-b and B-2-c.

The cost limit specified by the State is (*select one*):

- ☐ **The following dollar amount:**

Specify dollar amount: _____

The dollar amount (*select one*)

- ☐ **Is adjusted each year that the waiver is in effect by applying the following formula:**

Specify the formula: _____

- ☐ May be adjusted during the period the waiver is in effect. The State will submit a waiver amendment to CMS to adjust the dollar amount.

- ☐ The following percentage that is less than 100% of the institutional average:

Specify percent:

- ☐ Other:

Specify:

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B-2: Individual Cost Limit (2 of 2)

Answers provided in Appendix B-2-a indicate that you do not need to complete this section.

- b. **Method of Implementation of the Individual Cost Limit.** When an individual cost limit is specified in Item B-2-a, specify the procedures that are followed to determine in advance of waiver entrance that the individual's health and welfare can be assured within the cost limit:
- c. **Participant Safeguards.** When the State specifies an individual cost limit in Item B-2-a and there is a change in the participant's condition or circumstances post-entrance to the waiver that requires the provision of services in an amount that exceeds the cost limit in order to assure the participant's health and welfare, the State has established the following safeguards to avoid an adverse impact on the participant (*check each that applies*):

☐ The participant is referred to another waiver that can accommodate the individual's needs.

☐ Additional services in excess of the individual cost limit may be authorized.

Specify the procedures for authorizing additional services, including the amount that may be authorized:

☐ Other safeguard(s)

Specify:

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B-3: Number of Individuals Served (1 of 4)

- a. **Unduplicated Number of Participants.** The following table specifies the maximum number of unduplicated participants who are served in each year that the waiver is in effect. The State will submit a waiver amendment to CMS to modify the number of participants specified for any year(s), including when a modification is necessary due to legislative appropriation or another reason. The number of unduplicated participants specified in this table is basis for the cost-neutrality calculations in Appendix J:

Table: B-3-a

Waiver Year	Unduplicated Number of Participants
Year 1	2300
Year 2	2300
Year 3	2300
Year 4 (renewal only)	2300
Year 5 (renewal only)	2300

- b. **Limitation on the Number of Participants Served at Any Point in Time.** Consistent with the unduplicated number of participants specified in Item B-3-a, the State may limit to a lesser number the number of participants who will be served at any point in time during a waiver year. Indicate whether the State limits the number of participants in this way: *(select one)*:

- ☒ The State does not limit the number of participants that it serves at any point in time during a waiver year.
- ☐ The State limits the number of participants that it serves at any point in time during a waiver year.

The limit that applies to each year of the waiver period is specified in the following table:

Table: B-3-b

Waiver Year	Maximum Number of Participants Served At Any Point During the Year
Year 1	
Year 2	
Year 3	
Year 4 (renewal only)	
Year 5 (renewal only)	

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- c. **Reserved Waiver Capacity.** The State may reserve a portion of the participant capacity of the waiver for specified purposes (e.g., provide for the community transition of institutionalized persons or furnish waiver services to individuals experiencing a crisis) subject to CMS review and approval. The State *(select one)*:

- ☒ Not applicable. The state does not reserve capacity.
- ☐ The State reserves capacity for the following purpose(s).

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- d. **Scheduled Phase-In or Phase-Out.** Within a waiver year, the State may make the number of participants who are served subject to a phase-in or phase-out schedule *(select one)*:

- ☒ The waiver is not subject to a phase-in or a phase-out schedule.
- ☐ The waiver is subject to a phase-in or phase-out schedule that is included in Attachment #1 to Appendix B-3. This schedule constitutes an intra-year limitation on the number of participants who are served in the waiver.

e. Allocation of Waiver Capacity.*Select one:*

- ☒ Waiver capacity is allocated/managed on a statewide basis.
- ☐ Waiver capacity is allocated to local/regional non-state entities.

Specify: (a) the entities to which waiver capacity is allocated; (b) the methodology that is used to allocate capacity and how often the methodology is reevaluated; and, (c) policies for the reallocation of unused capacity among local/regional non-state entities:

f. Selection of Entrants to the Waiver. Specify the policies that apply to the selection of individuals for entrance to the waiver:

ARMs 37.34.301 through ARM 37.34.335 apply. In addition, the Policies and Procedures for Intensive Family Education & Support Services applies to children's services. The Referral/Waiting List Procedures Manual and the Individualized Services and Portability Guidelines apply to adult services.

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Answers provided in Appendix B-3-d indicate that you do not need to complete this section.

Appendix B: Participant Access and Eligibility**B-4: Eligibility Groups Served in the Waiver****a.****1. State Classification.** The State is a *(select one)*:

- ☒ §1634 State
- ☐ SSI Criteria State
- ☐ 209(b) State

2. Miller Trust State.Indicate whether the State is a Miller Trust State *(select one)*:

- ☒ No
- ☐ Yes

b. Medicaid Eligibility Groups Served in the Waiver. Individuals who receive services under this waiver are eligible under the following eligibility groups contained in the State plan. The State applies all applicable federal financial participation limits under the plan. *Check all that apply:*

Eligibility Groups Served in the Waiver (excluding the special home and community-based waiver group under 42 CFR §435.217)

- ☐ Low income families with children as provided in §1931 of the Act
- ☒ SSI recipients
- ☐ Aged, blind or disabled in 209(b) states who are eligible under 42 CFR §435.121
- ☒ Optional State supplement recipients
- ☐ Optional categorically needy aged and/or disabled individuals who have income at:

Select one:

- ☐ 100% of the Federal poverty level (FPL)
☐ % of FPL, which is lower than 100% of FPL.

Specify percentage:

- ☐ Working individuals with disabilities who buy into Medicaid (BBA working disabled group as provided in §1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(XIII) of the Act)
☐ Working individuals with disabilities who buy into Medicaid (TWWIA Basic Coverage Group as provided in §1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(XV) of the Act)
☐ Working individuals with disabilities who buy into Medicaid (TWWIA Medical Improvement Coverage Group as provided in §1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(XVI) of the Act)
☐ Disabled individuals age 18 or younger who would require an institutional level of care (TEFRA 134 eligibility group as provided in §1902(e)(3) of the Act)
☐ Medically needy in 209(b) States (42 CFR §435.330)
☒ Medically needy in 1634 States and SSI Criteria States (42 CFR §435.320, §435.322 and §435.324)
☒ Other specified groups (include only statutory/regulatory reference to reflect the additional groups in the State plan that may receive services under this waiver)

Specify:

Persons in the Disabled Adult Child category –42.U.S.C.1383 (c)

All other mandatory and optional groups under the State Plan.

Special home and community-based waiver group under 42 CFR §435.217) Note: When the special home and community-based waiver group under 42 CFR §435.217 is included, Appendix B-5 must be completed

- ☒ No. The State does not furnish waiver services to individuals in the special home and community-based waiver group under 42 CFR §435.217. *Appendix B-5 is not submitted.*
☐ Yes. The State furnishes waiver services to individuals in the special home and community-based waiver group under 42 CFR §435.217.

Select one and complete Appendix B-5.

- ☐ All individuals in the special home and community-based waiver group under 42 CFR §435.217
☐ Only the following groups of individuals in the special home and community-based waiver group under 42 CFR §435.217

Check each that applies:

☐ A special income level equal to:

Select one:

- ☐ 300% of the SSI Federal Benefit Rate (FBR)
☐ A percentage of FBR, which is lower than 300% (42 CFR §435.236)

Specify percentage:

- ☐ A dollar amount which is lower than 300%.

Specify dollar amount:

- ☐ Aged, blind and disabled individuals who meet requirements that are more restrictive than the SSI program (42 CFR §435.121)
- ☐ Medically needy without spenddown in States which also provide Medicaid to recipients of SSI (42 CFR §435.320, §435.322 and §435.324)
- ☐ Medically needy without spend down in 209(b) States (42 CFR §435.330)
- ☐ Aged and disabled individuals who have income at:

Select one:

- ☐ 100% of FPL
- ☐ % of FPL, which is lower than 100%.

Specify percentage amount:

- ☐ Other specified groups (include only statutory/regulatory reference to reflect the additional groups in the State plan that may receive services under this waiver)

Specify:

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B-5: Post-Eligibility Treatment of Income (1 of 4)

In accordance with 42 CFR §441.303(e), Appendix B-5 must be completed when the State furnishes waiver services to individuals in the special home and community-based waiver group under 42 CFR §435.217, as indicated in Appendix B-4. Post-eligibility applies only to the 42 CFR §435.217 group. A State that uses spousal impoverishment rules under §1924 of the Act to determine the eligibility of individuals with a community spouse may elect to use spousal post-eligibility rules under §1924 of the Act to protect a personal needs allowance for a participant with a community spouse.

- a. **Use of Spousal Impoverishment Rules.** Indicate whether spousal impoverishment rules are used to determine eligibility for the special home and community-based waiver group under 42 CFR §435.217 (select one):

Answers provided in Appendix B-4 indicate that you do not need to submit Appendix B-5 and therefore this section is not visible.

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B-5: Post-Eligibility Treatment of Income (2 of 4)

- b. **Regular Post-Eligibility Treatment of Income: SSI State.**

Answers provided in Appendix B-4 indicate that you do not need to submit Appendix B-5 and therefore this section is not visible.

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c. **Regular Post-Eligibility Treatment of Income: 209(B) State.**

Answers provided in Appendix B-4 indicate that you do not need to submit Appendix B-5 and therefore this section is not visible.

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d. **Post-Eligibility Treatment of Income Using Spousal Impoverishment Rules**

The State uses the post-eligibility rules of §1924(d) of the Act (spousal impoverishment protection) to determine the contribution of a participant with a community spouse toward the cost of home and community-based care if it determines the individual's eligibility under §1924 of the Act. There is deducted from the participant's monthly income a personal needs allowance (as specified below), a community spouse's allowance and a family allowance as specified in the State Medicaid Plan. The State must also protect amounts for incurred expenses for medical or remedial care (as specified below).

Answers provided in Appendix B-4 indicate that you do not need to submit Appendix B-5 and therefore this section is not visible.

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B-6: Evaluation/Reevaluation of Level of Care

As specified in 42 CFR §441.302(c), the State provides for an evaluation (and periodic reevaluations) of the need for the level(s) of care specified for this waiver, when there is a reasonable indication that an individual may need such services in the near future (one month or less), but for the availability of home and community-based waiver services.

- a. **Reasonable Indication of Need for Services.** In order for an individual to be determined to need waiver services, an individual must require: (a) the provision of at least one waiver service, as documented in the service plan, and (b) the provision of waiver services at least monthly or, if the need for services is less than monthly, the participant requires regular monthly monitoring which must be documented in the service plan. Specify the State's policies concerning the reasonable indication of the need for services:

i. **Minimum number of services.**

The minimum number of waiver services (one or more) that an individual must require in order to be determined to need waiver services is: 1

ii. **Frequency of services.** The State requires (select one):

- ☒ **The provision of waiver services at least monthly**
☐ **Monthly monitoring of the individual when services are furnished on a less than monthly basis**

If the State also requires a minimum frequency for the provision of waiver services other than monthly (e.g., quarterly), specify the frequency:

- b. **Responsibility for Performing Evaluations and Reevaluations.** Level of care evaluations and reevaluations are performed (select one):

- ☐ **Directly by the Medicaid agency**
☐ **By the operating agency specified in Appendix A**
☐ **By an entity under contract with the Medicaid agency.**

Specify the entity:

Other

Specify:

The Medicaid Agency is responsible for ensuring the level of care (LOC) evaluations and re-evaluations are completed. The Medicaid agency (the DDP) contracts with the Mountain Pacific Quality Health Foundation "the Foundation" to assist with the medical assessment portion in the LOC process. Registered Nurses under contract with the Foundation complete the required LOC medical forms.

- c. **Qualifications of Individuals Performing Initial Evaluation:** Per 42 CFR §441.303(c)(1), specify the educational/professional qualifications of individuals who perform the initial evaluation of level of care for waiver applicants:

Quality Improvement Specialist (QIS): The DDP QIS is responsible for completing the LOC evaluations, and scheduling a Foundation nurse to participate in the initial LOC evaluation. The QIS must possess the following qualifications:

BA in psychology or social services with an emphasis in applied behavior analysis or a BA degree. Three to five years of progressively responsible programmatic experience, at least one of which must have been in the application of the principles of applied behavior analysis to individuals with developmental disabilities. Prefer one year experience teaching the principles of applied behavior analysis.

Mountain Pacific Quality Health Foundation (AKA Foundation) Registered Nurse (RN): The RN is responsible for completing the medical portion at the initial LOC evaluation. The RN, under contract with the Foundation, is currently licensed to practice nursing in the State of Montana.

- d. **Level of Care Criteria.** Fully specify the level of care criteria that are used to evaluate and reevaluate whether an individual needs services through the waiver and that serve as the basis of the State's level of care instrument/tool. Specify the level of care instrument/tool that is employed. State laws, regulations, and policies concerning level of care criteria and the level of care instrument/tool are available to CMS upon request through the Medicaid agency or the operating agency (if applicable), including the instrument/tool utilized.

*Person has a developmental disability, as documented on the appropriate Waiver-3 form (3A,3R,3S, 3C) in accordance with 53-20-202(3) MCA. Standardized IQ test scores and adaptive behavior scores are required for persons aged six.

*Person has specialized services needs, documented on the applicable specialized services needs form (Medicaid Home and Community Based Services Intensive Services Level of Care Determination Summary Sheet, or, the Determination of Need for Specialized Services). Broadly, need is based on significant deficits in adaptive behaviors, significant behavior problems, or significant medical/health related issues. Medical status is reviewed by an RN and the QIS, and findings are documented on the Waiver 1 Medical Needs Summary form and the Long Term Care Patient Evaluation Abstract (LTCPEA) form.

*Person, in the absence of the waiver, is at risk of placement in a more restrictive setting such as a nursing home or an ICF-MR.

Various assessments are used to assist the QIS in completing the LOC forms, depending on the age of the recipient and his or her unique specialized services needs. The Foundation nurse and the QIS conduct a face-to-face visit with the recipient and primary care giver in the initial LOC evaluation.

All adults, inclusive of 16 years of age and older, will be determined DD by the QIS in accordance with the requirements specified in the Adult Eligibility Determination Form. Children seeking waiver services will be established as DD in accordance with the State Definition by the DDP QIS prior to the age of eight. The Childrens Eligibility Determination Form is used for this purpose. More detail regarding the State eligibility determination process for waiver applicants is available in the DDP Eligibility Determination Policy, available upon request.

- e. **Level of Care Instrument(s).** Per 42 CFR §441.303(c)(2), indicate whether the instrument/tool used to evaluate level of care for the waiver differs from the instrument/tool used to evaluate institutional level of care (*select one*):

The same instrument is used in determining the level of care for the waiver and for institutional care under the State Plan.

- ☐ **A different instrument is used to determine the level of care for the waiver than for institutional care**

under the State plan.

Describe how and why this instrument differs from the form used to evaluate institutional level of care and explain how the outcome of the determination is reliable, valid, and fully comparable.

The statutory criteria for commitment to the ICF-MR is at Part 1 of Title 53, Chapter 20, MCA. The tool used by the Residential Facility Screening Team in the ICF-MR commitment process is the Determination Regarding Commitment to Residential Facility form. The governing policy for this form is the Policy For Commitment Process, Residential Facility Screening Team Determinations, effective January 2004. ICF-MR commitment is based on a person having:

*A diagnosis of developmental disability.

*Impairment in cognitive functioning.

*Behaviors that pose an imminent risk of serious harm to self or others, and because of those behaviors cannot safely or effectively be habilitated in community-based services.

*Placement and habilitation in the ICF-MR are appropriate for the person.

The ICF-MR commitment criteria are somewhat different than the criteria used to determine eligibility for DD waiver services. The significant difference is the "imminent risk" of serious harm applicable to persons committed to the ICF-MR. The state statute defining developmental disability is the same for the ICF-MR and the DD waiver.

- f. **Process for Level of Care Evaluation/Reevaluation:** Per 42 CFR §441.303(c)(1), describe the process for evaluating waiver applicants for their need for the level of care under the waiver. If the reevaluation process differs from the evaluation process, describe the differences:

The initial LOC evaluation is scheduled at the point of entry. The child or adult has already been found DD eligible and in need of services, in accordance with applicable rules and policies governing placement on the DDP DD waiting lists. The LOC process serves to verify eligibility, need for services, other handicapping conditions and service needs, and medical issues as identified by the RN after visiting with a primary care giver.

Annual re-evaluations- The participation of a Foundation RN for the medical review section (W-1 form and the LTCPEA) may be waived at the discretion of the QIS, based on the medical status and needs of the enrolled waiver recipient.

- g. **Reevaluation Schedule.** Per 42 CFR §441.303(c)(4), reevaluations of the level of care required by a participant are conducted no less frequently than annually according to the following schedule (*select one*):

☐ Every three months

☐ Every six months

☒ Every twelve months

☐ Other schedule

Specify the other schedule:

- h. **Qualifications of Individuals Who Perform Reevaluations.** Specify the qualifications of individuals who perform reevaluations (*select one*):

☒ The qualifications of individuals who perform reevaluations are the same as individuals who perform initial evaluations.

☐ The qualifications are different.

Specify the qualifications:

- i. **Procedures to Ensure Timely Reevaluations.** Per 42 CFR §441.303(c)(4), specify the procedures that the State employs to ensure timely reevaluations of level of care (*specify*):

The DDP QIS may employ various methods to ensure that evaluations occur annually. One practice is to complete the first re-evaluation in less than 12 months for the purpose of grouping the entire QIS caseload in the same month for all re-evaluations. Another practice is to complete the initial re-evaluation in less than 12 months, eventually enabling the grouping of re-evaluation dates into the same month for all the waiver recipients served by a specific

provider. These practices reduce the potential for staff error in completing annual re-determinations in a timely manner. These practices also enable the efficient use of staff resources in the event travel is necessary.

The DDP Waiver Specialist position will annually review a sample of five client files for every QIS to ensure that initial and ongoing LOC reviews meet the requirements. This review process will be implemented on 7/1/08. Annual data summary results will be made available to CMS upon request.

- j. **Maintenance of Evaluation/Reevaluation Records.** Per 42 CFR §441.303(c)(3), the State assures that written and/or electronically retrievable documentation of all evaluations and reevaluations are maintained for a minimum period of 3 years as required in 45 CFR §92.42. Specify the location(s) where records of evaluations and reevaluations of level of care are maintained:

All LOC documentation is maintained in the QIS regional or satellite office. In addition, the eligibility documentation for all adults (consisting of the QIS eligibility outcome notification letter and the Eligibility Determination Form) is maintained in the DDP central office. DD eligibility documentation for children is maintained in the in the offices of the Child and Family service provider agencies.

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Quality Improvement: Level of Care

As a distinct component of the State's quality improvement strategy, provide information in the following fields to detail the State's methods for discovery and remediation.

a. **Methods for Discovery: Level of Care Assurance/Sub-assurances**

i. **Sub-Assurances:**

- a. **Sub-assurance:** *An evaluation for LOC is provided to all applicants for whom there is reasonable indication that services may be needed in the future.*

Performance Measures

For each performance measure/indicator the State will use to assess compliance with the statutory assurance complete the following. Where possible, include numerator/denominator. Each performance measure must be specific to this waiver (i.e., data presented must be waiver specific).

For each performance measure, provide information on the aggregated data that will enable the State to analyze and assess progress toward the performance measure. In this section provide information on the method by which each source of data is analyzed statistically/deductively or inductively, how themes are identified or conclusions drawn, and how recommendations are formulated, where appropriate.

Performance Measure:

B.1. Waiver Eligibility: Persons served in this waiver meeting the above criteria minimally must: Be diagnosed with a developmental disability (IQ generally below 70 and significant adaptive behavior deficits based on the results of standardized adaptive behavior assessments, with subtest scores generally below 70).

Data Source (Select one):

Operating agency performance monitoring

If 'Other' is selected, specify:

Responsible Party for data collection/generation(<i>check each that applies</i>):	Frequency of data collection/generation(<i>check each that applies</i>):	Sampling Approach(<i>check each that applies</i>):
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Medicaid Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Weekly	<input type="checkbox"/> 100% Review
<input type="checkbox"/> Operating Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Monthly	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Less than 100% Review

<input type="checkbox"/> Sub-State Entity	<input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Representative Sample Confidence Interval = A systematic QA methodology to be used to verify the timeliness and accuracy of eligibility determinations has yet to be developed.
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify:	<input type="checkbox"/> Annually	<input type="checkbox"/> Stratified Describe Group:
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Continuously and Ongoing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify:
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify:	

Data Aggregation and Analysis:

Responsible Party for data aggregation and analysis (check each that applies):	Frequency of data aggregation and analysis (check each that applies):
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Medicaid Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Weekly
<input type="checkbox"/> Operating Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Monthly
<input type="checkbox"/> Sub-State Entity	<input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Annually
	<input type="checkbox"/> Continuously and Ongoing
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify:

Performance Measure:

B.6.a. Reasonable Indication of Need for Services. Persons eligible for the waiver require at least one service on a monthly basis.

Data Source (Select one):

Other

If 'Other' is selected, specify:

The client referral packets, including the MONA, serve to verify this need.

Responsible Party for data collection/generation(check each that applies):	Frequency of data collection/generation(check each that applies):	Sampling Approach(check each that applies):

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Medicaid Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Weekly	<input type="checkbox"/> 100% Review
<input type="checkbox"/> Operating Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Monthly	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Less than 100% Review
<input type="checkbox"/> Sub-State Entity	<input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Representative Sample Confidence Interval =
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Specify: Agency based and State case managers are responsible for developing referral information, and for providing the DDP QIS with required diagnostic evaluation materials.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Annually	<input type="checkbox"/> Stratified Describe Group:
	<input type="checkbox"/> Continuously and Ongoing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify:
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify:	

Data Aggregation and Analysis:

Responsible Party for data aggregation and analysis (check each that applies):	Frequency of data aggregation and analysis (check each that applies):
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Medicaid Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Weekly
<input type="checkbox"/> Operating Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Monthly
<input type="checkbox"/> Sub-State Entity	<input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Annually
	<input type="checkbox"/> Continuously and Ongoing
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify:

Performance Measure:

B.6.b. The DDP QIS is responsible for completing the LOC evaluations, and scheduling a Foundation nurse to participate in the initial LOC evaluation. The QIS must be qualified as outlined in this section.

Data Source (Select one):

Other

If 'Other' is selected, specify:

The qualifications of the QIS are reviewed prior to hire by the DDP Regional

Manager

Responsible Party for data collection/generation(<i>check each that applies</i>):	Frequency of data collection/generation(<i>check each that applies</i>):	Sampling Approach(<i>check each that applies</i>):
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Medicaid Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Weekly	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 100% Review
<input type="checkbox"/> Operating Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Monthly	<input type="checkbox"/> Less than 100% Review
<input type="checkbox"/> Sub-State Entity	<input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly	<input type="checkbox"/> Representative Sample Confidence Interval =
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify:	<input type="checkbox"/> Annually	<input type="checkbox"/> Stratified Describe Group:
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Continuously and Ongoing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify:
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify:	

Data Aggregation and Analysis:

Responsible Party for data aggregation and analysis (<i>check each that applies</i>):	Frequency of data aggregation and analysis (<i>check each that applies</i>):
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Medicaid Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Weekly
<input type="checkbox"/> Operating Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Monthly
<input type="checkbox"/> Sub-State Entity	<input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Annually
	<input type="checkbox"/> Continuously and Ongoing
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify:

Performance Measure:

B.6.b(2). Mountain Pacific Quality Health Foundation (AKA Foundation) Registered Nurse (RN): The RN is responsible for completing the medical portion at the initial LOC evaluation. The RN, under contract with the Foundation, is currently licensed.

Data Source (Select one):

Other

If 'Other' is selected, specify:

The status of RN licensure is available at the Montana Department of Labor website.

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Responsible Party for data collection/generation(<i>check each that applies</i>):	Frequency of data collection/generation(<i>check each that applies</i>):	Sampling Approach(<i>check each that applies</i>):
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Medicaid Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Weekly	<input type="checkbox"/> 100% Review
<input type="checkbox"/> Operating Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Monthly	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Less than 100% Review
<input type="checkbox"/> Sub-State Entity	<input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Representative Sample Confidence Interval = To be developed.
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Annually	<input type="checkbox"/> Stratified Describe Group:
	<input type="checkbox"/> Continuously and Ongoing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify:
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify:	

Data Aggregation and Analysis:

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<input type="checkbox"/> Operating Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Monthly
<input type="checkbox"/> Sub-State Entity	<input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Annually
	<input type="checkbox"/> Continuously and Ongoing
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify:

- b. *Sub-assurance: The levels of care of enrolled participants are reevaluated at least annually or as specified in the approved waiver.*

Performance Measures

For each performance measure/indicator the State will use to assess compliance with the statutory assurance complete the following. Where possible, include numerator/denominator. Each performance measure must be specific to this waiver (i.e., data presented must be waiver specific).

For each performance measure, provide information on the aggregated data that will enable the State to analyze and assess progress toward the performance measure. In this section provide information on the method by which each source of data is analyzed statistically/deductively or inductively, how

themes are identified or conclusions drawn, and how recommendations are formulated, where appropriate.

Performance Measure:

B.6.i. The DDP Waiver Specialist position will annually review a sample of five client files for every QIS to ensure that initial and ongoing LOC reviews meet the requirements. This review process will be implemented on 7/1/08. Annual data summary results will be made available to CMS upon request.

Data Source (Select one):

Operating agency performance monitoring

If 'Other' is selected, specify:

Responsible Party for data collection/generation(<i>check each that applies</i>):	Frequency of data collection/generation(<i>check each that applies</i>):	Sampling Approach(<i>check each that applies</i>):
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Medicaid Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Weekly	<input type="checkbox"/> 100% Review
<input type="checkbox"/> Operating Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Monthly	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Less than 100% Review
<input type="checkbox"/> Sub-State Entity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Quarterly	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Representative Sample Confidence Interval =
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify:	<input type="checkbox"/> Annually	<input type="checkbox"/> Stratified Describe Group:
	<input type="checkbox"/> Continuously and Ongoing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify:
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify:	

Data Aggregation and Analysis:

Responsible Party for data aggregation and analysis (<i>check each that applies</i>):	Frequency of data aggregation and analysis (<i>check each that applies</i>):
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<input type="checkbox"/> Operating Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Monthly
<input type="checkbox"/> Sub-State Entity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Quarterly
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify:	<input type="checkbox"/> Annually
	<input type="checkbox"/> Continuously and Ongoing
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify:

- c. **Sub-assurance:** *The processes and instruments described in the approved waiver are applied appropriately and according to the approved description to determine participant level of care.*

Performance Measures

For each performance measure/indicator the State will use to assess compliance with the statutory assurance complete the following. Where possible, include numerator/denominator. Each performance measure must be specific to this waiver (i.e., data presented must be waiver specific).

For each performance measure, provide information on the aggregated data that will enable the State to analyze and assess progress toward the performance measure. In this section provide information on the method by which each source of data is analyzed statistically/deductively or inductively, how themes are identified or conclusions drawn, and how recommendations are formulated, where appropriate.

Performance Measure:

The development of a quality measure in the DDP QIS LOC process is needed. This relates to the process of establishing DD eligibility, and the LOC process relating to assessed needs. Eventually, the quality of the work of persons completing assessments will need to be assessed using a standardized methodology.

Data Source (Select one):

Operating agency performance monitoring

If 'Other' is selected, specify:

Responsible Party for data collection/generation(<i>check each that applies</i>):	Frequency of data collection/generation(<i>check each that applies</i>):	Sampling Approach(<i>check each that applies</i>):
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Medicaid Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Weekly	<input type="checkbox"/> 100% Review
<input type="checkbox"/> Operating Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Monthly	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Less than 100% Review
<input type="checkbox"/> Sub-State Entity	<input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Representative Sample Confidence Interval = Sampling methodology to be developed.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Specify: Contracted case arrangers complete the MONA. The DDP QIS completes the LOC documents.	<input type="checkbox"/> Annually	<input type="checkbox"/> Stratified Describe Group:
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Continuously and Ongoing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify:
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify:	

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Data Aggregation and Analysis:

Responsible Party for data aggregation and analysis (check each that applies):	Frequency of data aggregation and analysis (check each that applies):
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Medicaid Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Weekly
<input type="checkbox"/> Operating Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Monthly
<input type="checkbox"/> Sub-State Entity	<input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Annually
	<input type="checkbox"/> Continuously and Ongoing
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify:

- ii. If applicable, in the textbox below provide any necessary additional information on the strategies employed by the State to discover/identify problems/issues within the waiver program, including frequency and parties responsible.

The completion of timely and accurate eligibility determinations prior to placement on the WL, the completion of initial level of care reviews, and the review of the qualifications of persons completing these activities involve several layers of review. The DDP Regional Manager is responsible for ensuring that DDP QIS staff are completing LOC reviews, based on a quarterly sampling process. This data is currently collected by the Regional Manager or his designee and forwarded electronically to the DDP Waiver Specialist. These review documents are maintained in an electronic file by the Waiver Specialist.


b. Methods for Remediation/Fixing Individual Problems

- i. Describe the State's method for addressing individual problems as they are discovered. Include information regarding responsible parties and GENERAL methods for problem correction. In addition, provide information on the methods used by the State to document these items.

These review documents are maintained in an electronic file by the Waiver Specialist. Problems are noted, and the Regional Manager follows up with their assigned QIS staff if reviews are not timely. Reports are not generated for DDP management summarizing the compliance of individual QIS and Regional Manager staff in completing these assigned activities.

ii. Remediation Data Aggregation**Remediation-related Data Aggregation and Analysis (including trend identification)**

Responsible Party (check each that applies):	Frequency of data aggregation and analysis (check each that applies):
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Medicaid Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Weekly
<input type="checkbox"/> Operating Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Monthly
<input type="checkbox"/> Sub-State Entity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Quarterly
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify:	<input type="checkbox"/> Annually
	<input type="checkbox"/> Continuously and Ongoing

 **Other**
Specify:

c. Timelines

When the State does not have all elements of the Quality Improvement Strategy in place, provide timelines to design methods for discovery and remediation related to the assurance of Financial Accountability that are currently non-operational.

- ☐ No
☒ Yes

Please provide a detailed strategy for assuring Administrative Authority, the specific timeline for implementing identified strategies, and the parties responsible for its operation.

DDP central office staff will aggregate the statewide LOC data sent by the Regional Managers for the purpose of monitoring compliance with all aspects of the LOC process and develop an associated Quality Improvement Strategy with an effective date of 7/1/10.

Appendix B: Participant Access and Eligibility

B-7: Freedom of Choice

Freedom of Choice. As provided in 42 CFR §441.302(d), when an individual is determined to be likely to require a level of care for this waiver, the individual or his or her legal representative is:

- i. informed of any feasible alternatives under the waiver; and
- ii. given the choice of either institutional or home and community-based services.

- a. **Procedures.** Specify the State's procedures for informing eligible individuals (or their legal representatives) of the feasible alternatives available under the waiver and allowing these individuals to choose either institutional or waiver services. Identify the form(s) that are employed to document freedom of choice. The form or forms are available to CMS upon request through the Medicaid agency or the operating agency (if applicable).

The Waiver-5 Freedom of Choice form is completed either prior to, or at, the annual planning meeting. The assigned case manager is responsible for ensuring a copy of the W-5 form is forwarded to the DDP QIS for inclusion in the individual client waiver files.

The QIS remains responsible for completing the W-5 during the initial face-to-face LOC evaluation, upon entry into the waiver. Adult Targeted Case Managers complete the W-5 annually thereafter for waiver recipients in adult services. Family Supports Specialists complete the forms annually thereafter for children served in the waiver.

The Explanation of ICF/MR Services and Fair Hearing Rights form provides the recipient and others with more detail and resource links for more information, in support of the W-5 form. The fair hearing rules (ARM 37.5.301 through 37.5.313) are available to recipients upon request, or can be accessed via the Department website. A web link access sheet Helpful Website Addresses for DPP Waiver Related Information is available as a resource to persons completing the W-5 form.

- b. **Maintenance of Forms.** Per 45 CFR §92.42, written copies or electronically retrievable facsimiles of Freedom of Choice forms are maintained for a minimum of three years. Specify the locations where copies of these forms are maintained.

Written copies of these forms are available upon request from the DDP QIS regional or satellite offices. These documents are stored in the individual client waiver files, maintained by the QIS.

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B-8: Access to Services by Limited English Proficiency Persons

Access to Services by Limited English Proficient Persons. Specify the methods that the State uses to provide meaningful access to the waiver by Limited English Proficient persons in accordance with the Department of Health and Human Services